



GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF
BUDGET AND PROGRAM PLANNING

Fiscal Note 2011 Biennium

Bill #	SB0348	Title:	Const. referendum on annual legislative sessions, split into regular and budget
Primary Sponsor:	Essmann, Jeff	Status:	As Introduced

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Significant Local Gov Impact | <input type="checkbox"/> Needs to be included in HB 2 | <input type="checkbox"/> Technical Concerns |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Included in the Executive Budget | <input type="checkbox"/> Significant Long-Term Impacts | <input type="checkbox"/> Dedicated Revenue Form Attached |

FISCAL SUMMARY

	<u>FY 2010 Difference</u>	<u>FY 2011 Difference</u>	<u>FY 2012 Difference</u>	<u>FY 2013 Difference</u>
Expenditures:				
General Fund	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Revenue:				
General Fund	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Net Impact-General Fund Balance:	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>

FISCAL ANALYSIS

Assumptions:

2011 Biennium

- Senate Bill 348 proposes to submit a constitutional amendment to the electorate at the general election to be held in November 2010. The amendment would redefine the schedule and length of legislative sessions. There is no 2011 biennium cost to the Legislative Branch related to submitting the amendment to the electorate.
- If the amendment passes the electorate, it is assumed that fiscal year 2011 costs related to transition planning would be absorbed from within existing resources.

2013 Biennium

- If the amendment fails the electorate, there would be no 2013 biennium cost to the Legislative Branch.
- If the amendment passes the electorate, the legislature, during the 2011 regular legislative session, would be required to establish a process to provide an orderly transition to annual sessions. Costs of the 2013 biennium cannot be determined but could include:
 - Expenses of a committee or council appointed to formulate, implement, and/or recommend a detailed transition plan to address these and other issues:
 - Pre-session organization (caucus, pre-session activity)
 - Bill drafting (process, limits, deadlines) and processing of bills (request and introduction deadlines, transmittal, engrossing and enrolling, printing, etc.)

- iii. Structure and staffing of legislative divisions
 - iv. Staffing needs of the House and Senate
 - v. Operation of interim legislative committees
 - vi. Codification and printing of the *Montana Code Annotated*
 - vii. House and Senate rules
 - viii. Enabling legislation to implement annual sessions and to statutorily revise processes
 - ix. For a budget session, appropriations and revenue estimation processes, legislative analysis of the executive budget, and the operations of the House Appropriations and Senate Finance and Claims Committees
 - x. For a budget session, preparation and submission of the executive budget
 - x. Other executive branch processes affected by annual sessions
 - xii. Session logistics (food services, parking, custodial services, security, etc.)
 - xiii. Other matters affecting or affected by annual sessions
- b. The costs of the first annual session, a budget session, which would begin in February 2013.

Sponsor's Initials

Date

Budget Director's Initials

Date